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SUPERVISOR DIMITRIJEVIC'S "GREEN PRINT" LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

16-0 vote advances higher environmental and conservation standards

Milwaukee, WI – On a commanding 16-0 vote, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved landmark legislation that will transform the way Milwaukee County operates, modernize the way services are provided, and preserve resources for future generations.

Shortly after the vote, Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic said, “With the Green Print, Milwaukee County can lead by example. I’m proud the County Board is playing a major role by investing in our infrastructure and making a bold statement that the status quo is no longer acceptable.”

The Green Print is a proposed conservation ethic and plan for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. Earlier this month, a coalition of citizen groups representing approximately 10,000 residents joined Supervisor Dimitrijevic at a news conference and Committee meeting to show their support.

“I thank my colleagues for supporting this important legislation and I encourage the County Executive to sign it,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “I also appreciate the support the Green Print has received from so many grassroots organizations.”

The coalition includes the Sierra Club, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, the Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods Coalition, The Parks People, Milwaukee County Conservation Coalition, the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters, IBEW Local 2150, Friends of Milwaukee’s Rivers, Groundworks Milwaukee, Urban Open Space Foundation, Wisconsin Green Building Alliance and One Wisconsin Now, Institute for Wisconsin’s Future.

The Green Print is a comprehensive environmental plan for Milwaukee County that includes lower energy consumption, the utilization of more renewable energy sources, turning unused parkland back into native grasslands, managing storm water runoff, requiring higher energy efficiency standards in new projects, and the creation of a new cabinet-level position to oversee the Green Print.

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